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## Library Exhibit Marks Millennium of Adoption of Christianity by Vladimir, Ruler of Rus'

*Among the early East Slavic printed books (above) in the exhibit is the* Acts of the Apostles *(printed 1564 with moveable type by Ivan Fedorov), shown open to a woodcut of St. Luke.*

An exhibit to commemorate the millennium of the baptism of Vladimir, ruler of Rus', and of the subsequent adoption of Christianity in its Eastern or Byzantine form as the state religion of Rus' in 988 A.D., opens in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress on May 18. The exhibit will be on view through October 9.

Approximately 50 items from the Library's extensive collections of Russian, Ukrainian, and Byelorussian materials have been selected to show the widespread impact that Christianity had on the culture of the Eastern Slavs, consequences that went far beyond the purely liturgical and theological.

Divided into eight sections, the exhibit tells the story of Vladimir's decision to adopt Christianity, and its effect on the cultural, literary, and religious life of the people of Rus' for the next thousand years.

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Rus', the area over which Vladimir ruled, is today largely encompassed by the European portion of the Soviet Union. The city of Kiev, now the capital of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, was the capital of Rus'. In the years preceding his conversion, Vladimir sent emissaries out around the known world to determine which was the true religion. According to popular legend, they returned convinced that the Byzantine Christian services at Constantinople were the most beautiful. "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth," they told Vladimir. Convinced by their reports that they had indeed found the true religion, Vladimir decided to be baptized as a Christian. He also decreed that Christianity was to be the state religion of Rus'.

Vladimir died in 1015 and was later venerated as a saint. No contemporary portraits of him survive; the portraits shown in the first section of the exhibit are later artistic renditions of Vladimir and his baptism.

Other sections of the exhibit show how the adoption of Christianity affected, in many different ways, the life and traditions of the peoples who lived in the area that was Rus'. Examined are "The Manuscript Tradition," "Early Printed Books," "The Architectural Tradition," "Icon Painting," "Monasteries and Missions," "The Legal Tradition," and "Western European Views."

Among the items from the Library's collections that will be shown are two of the earliest and rarest Slavic books printed in the 16th century, illuminated music manuscripts, pre-Revolutionary color photographs of churches taken by Russian photographer and inventor Sergei Mikhailovich Prokudin-Gorsky, and maps of Russia ranging in date from 1562 to 1882.

The cornerstone of the Russian and Slavic collections in the Library of Congress is the Yudin collection, the former private library of the Russian merchant and bibliophile Genadii Yudin of Krasnoiarsk, which was purchased in 1906. Comprising 80,000 volumes—68,000 of which were in Russian and the remaining 12,000 in other Slavic or other European languages—it greatly expanded the Library's holdings of Russian and Slavic materials. A number of the items that have been included in this exhibit were originally part of the Yudin collection.

Two examples of icon painting, on loan from a private collection, will also be on display as part of this exhibit. The first, an unusually large icon that was painted in the 16th century, depicts the last judgment. The other is a pair of icons painted on holy, or royal, doors that, in the Eastern church, forms part of the icon screen that separates the altar and its surrounding sanctuary from the rest of the church interior.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

## John W. Rensbarger Named Inspector General

John W. Rensbarger, who has served as the chief internal auditor of the Library of Congress since August 1983, has been named inspector general effective April 11. The position is located in the Office of The Librarian, and Mr. Rensbarger will report to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Mr. Rensbarger will also continue to supervise the work of the auditing staff.

In addition to being responsible for conducting and supervising audits and investigations relating to the Library's programs and operations, the inspector general provides leadership, coordination, and policy recommendations in this area in order to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in the administration of these programs and operations. It is his duty to keep The Librarian of Congress fully informed, in a timely manner, of problems as well as the necessity for and progress of corrective actions within his area of responsibility. The inspector general is also an ex officio member of the Library's Executive Session.

Mr. Rensbarger came to the Library of Congress from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where he was deputy chief for internal audit. His previous Federal experience included positions as assistant inspector general (audit) in the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1982–83; assistant director for audit programs, Division of Inspections and Audits, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 1979–82; program analyst, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor, 1975–79; and auditor-in-charge, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor, in Boston, Mass., 1972–75. He has been a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors since 1972.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Rensbarger earned a bachelor of science degree from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in 1964

and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Dayton in 1972. In addition, he has participated in many seminars, particularly with the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Mr. Rensbarger and his wife, the former Frances Kelly, who is a free-lance writer and journalist, live in Burke, Va. They have one son, Jonathan Bernard.

## Soviet Poet Voznesensky Reads at the Library

Noted Soviet poet Andrei Voznesensky read his poetry in Russian to a near capacity audience on the evening of April 11 at the Library of Congress. Appearing with Mr. Voznesensky to read English translations and interpret the poet's comments was Edward Keenan, who has accompanied him on many readings throughout the U.S. since Mr. Voznesensky's first American reading tour in the 1960s.

Mr. Voznesensky's works available in English include *Selected Poems* (1966), *Antiworlds and the Fifth Ace* (1967), *Dogalypse* (1972), *Little Woods* (1974), *The Shadow of Sound* (1975), *Nostalgia for the Present* (1978), and *An Arrow in the Wall* (1987).

Edward Keenan, on leave this semester from Harvard University where he is a professor of history, is a former Fellow of the Kennan Institute. Currently he teaches a seminar on historical reconsiderations in the period of "glasnost" at Columbia University's W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union.

## Amplification

Emily Mobley, recently listed (LC *Information Bulletin*, April 4, p. 122) as one of the members of the National Advisory Committee to the

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## Monograph Is Published on Linked Systems Project

OCLC, in cooperation with the Library of Congress, has published a monograph on the Linked Systems Project (LSP) titled *The Linked Systems Project: A Networking Tool for Libraries*. LSP is a collaborative venture to develop computer-to-computer links among the Library of Congress, the Research Libraries Group (using its Research Libraries Information Network), and OCLC.

The monograph contains 13 papers describing the project, its progress, its underlying concepts, and the protocols it uses. Several chapters are based on papers presented at the LSP Preconference Institute to the Annual Conference of the American Library Association held June 25–26, 1987, in San Francisco.

Among the topics covered is the Standard Network Interconnection (SNI), the communications facility chosen by the LSP partners to implement the project. SNI is based on the International Organization for Standardization's Open Systems Interconnection Reference Model. The monograph also includes coverage of the LSP authorities application used for the exchange of authority records, which supports the operations of NACO—the National Coordinated Cataloging Operations. The methods by which records are contributed and updated, verified, and distributed are detailed. Intersystem searching is also discussed.

The planning and design of the LSP authorities application have had the goal of developing features that can be extended to other uses, including the exchange of bibliographic records. The book demonstrates how the Linked Systems Project has provided an innovative and useful tool for libraries sharing resources.

Several Library of Congress employees were involved with the publication. Judith Fenly, automated operations coordinator, Descriptive Cataloging Division, and Beacher Wiggins, assistant to the assistant librarian for processing services, edited the monograph and contributed chapters. Additional chapters were written by Henriette D. Avram, assistant librarian for processing services; Sally H.

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## New Switchgears

James Trew, director of the Library Environment Resources Office (left), and Ellsworth Jackson, facility manager in the Buildings Management Office, inspect a new electric switchgear recently installed in the cellar of the John Adams Building of the Library of Congress.

Each switchgear handles approximately 3,000 amperes of power and contains large circuit breakers. Over the past few months six new switchgears have been installed, causing various library buildings to be closed on a number of weekends due to loss of electrical power. The installations are now complete and no further closings are planned.

**Amplification** *(Cont. from p. 183)*
Management and Planning Committee (MAP), is also the president of the Special Libraries Association in addition to being associate director, Purdue University Libraries.

Elaine Sloan, on the National Advisory Committee, is president of the Association of Research Libraries, in addition to being dean, Indiana University Libraries.

**LSP** *(Cont. from p. 183)*
McCallum, chief, Network Development and MARC Standards Office; Ray Denenberg and Larry Dixson, Network Development and MARC Standards Office; John James, Automation Planning and Liaison Office; and Linda Arret, Research Services Department.

The book is available from OCLC for $13.50. Checks should be made payable to OCLC Online Computer Library Center and sent with the request to: Dept. 630, Box ONB, Columbus, OH 43265.

## Publications From NLS/BPH

The following recent publications are available free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542:

***Talking Book Topics***, November–December 1987, Volume 53, Number 6, and January–February and March–April 1988, Volume 54, Numbers 1 and 2, ISSN 0039–9183. This bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library of Congress national talking-book collection includes news about free library services for blind and physically handicapped readers and lists popular magazines recorded on cassettes and disks.

***Braille Book Review***, November–December 1987, Volume 56, Number 6, and January–February and March–April 1988, Volume 57, Numbers 1 and 2, ISSN 0006–873X. A bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library of Congress national braille collection, it also reports on free library services for blind and physically handicapped readers, announces books on loan from independent agencies, and lists popular magazines produced in braille.

***News***, January–March 1988, Volume 19, Number 1, ISSN 0160–9211. This report on national and international activities in library services for blind and physically handicapped individuals is distributed quarterly to the national network of cooperating libraries and agencies serving blind and physically handicapped readers.

***Update***, January–March 1988, Volume 11, Number 1, ISSN 0160–9203. This is a quarterly newsletter with information for and about volunteer programs and individual volunteers who produce recorded and braille material and maintain equipment used by talking-book readers.

***Cassette Books 1987***, ISSN 0363–9029. This is an annotated catalog of adult and young adult books recorded on cassette for blind and physically handicapped readers during 1987. Titles, which have previously been announced in *Talking Book Topics*, are arranged by subject category under nonfiction and fiction headings.

***Talking Books Adult 1986–1987***, ISSN 00082–1519. This is an annotated catalog of adult books recorded on disks for blind and physically handicapped readers during 1986 and 1987. Titles, which have previously been announced in *Talking Book Topics*, are arranged by subject category under nonfiction and fiction headings.

***Reference Books in Special Media: Addendum*** (87–2, March 1987). This reference circular is an addendum to Reference Circular: *Reference Books in Special Media* (82–4, September 1982) and contains information about reference books based on producers' catalogs.

***Information for Handicapped Travelers*** (87–3, July 1987). This reference circular includes information about travel agencies, travel information centers, and transportation services for travelers who are handicapped.

***Reading Materials in Large Type*** (87–4, July 1987). This reference circular lists producers and distributors of large-type materials as well as selected large-type materials for reference and special needs.

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**Who is credited with naming the first six notes on the musical scale—do, re, mi, fa, sol, la?**

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The answer to last week's question is:

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Q.

**What are two of the generalizations made regarding resuscitation fluids for burned children?**

# STAFF NEWS

## Paul G. Sifton, Historian, Manuscript Division, Retires After 32 Years

Paul G. Sifton, manuscript historian, retired on April 30 after more than 32 years of Federal service. Dr. Sifton has worked in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress for 23 years—as a specialist in American cultural history from October 1965 to May 1968 and, since then, as a specialist in early American history.

Dr. Sifton was a National Park Service historian at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pa., from 1958 to 1965. His earlier Federal service included duty with the U.S. Army, from July 1945 to December 1946, and summer jobs in 1947-51.

Dr. Sifton earned a bachelor's degree in 1951 from the George Washington University, and in 1951-52 he held a Fulbright grant to the University of Grenoble and to the Sorbonne in France. He received a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1953 and taught at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., from 1953 to 1955. He taught for one year at the University of Kiel in the Federal Republic of Germany. He received his doctorate in 1960 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sifton was president of the Washington area chapter of the Manuscript Society in 1967-68 and served as a director of the society in 1974-78. In May 1980, he was elected a trustee of the society for a three-year term ending in 1983. Since 1979, he has been editor of the "News Notes" section of *Manuscripts*, the magazine of the Manuscript Society.

Dr. Sifton contributed the provenance essay to the printed

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## Lecture by Editors of Jameson Papers Guides Audience Through Early Bureaucracy

*The Thomas Jefferson Building as it would have looked to visiting scholars around the turn of the century. The statue of George Washington now is in the National Museum of American History. Photograph provided by the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.*

Imagine yourself to be a history scholar coming to Washington to search the Federal Government's records before the National Archives opened in 1937. Who would be here to help you? How would you know where to look? Where would you stay, and how would you get around the city? Who would make you feel comfortable in an ocean of bureaucrats?

Jacqueline Goggin and Morey Rothberg, two historians who are editing the papers of J. Franklin Jameson—distinguished American historian, Washingtonian, and chief of the Division of Manuscripts at the Library of Congress from 1928 to 1937—will lecture and show slides to take you on a guided tour of the Federal bureaucracy in the first third of this century, as it was seen by scholars in search of the nation's past. Under the auspices of the Library of Congress Professional Association, Dr. Goggin and Dr. Rothberg will conduct their tour at 12 noon, May 3, in the Mumford Room of the Library of Congress. All interested staff members are invited.

It was Jameson, as director of the Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of

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# STAFF NEWS

## Library Staff Tries Administrative Skills In Tenth Detail Program

Library of Congress staff members who are interested in developing management or administrative skills have been assigned to the tenth Administrative Detail Program. Positions for 14 participants were made available from March 14 to June 12.

The Administrative Detail Program, a part of the Library's Affirmative Action Plan, gives staff members who are interested in pursuing management or administrative careers an opportunity during the 90-day detail to test their interests and to develop administrative skills. They are assigned to work with Library managers who have administrative responsibilities. Their experiences vary, depending on such factors as the management styles of the offices to which they are assigned.

The cooperation of the participants' regular supervisors is especially appreciated because they must accommodate the loss of their staff members during the detail. Following is a list of the participants selected this year (in bold type), their regular supervisors (in roman), and their detail supervisors (in italic):

**Joan Alexander** (NLS/BPH, NP): Thomas J. Martin, *Carolyn Sung* (Preserv, RES); **Leona Barber** (PGM, CRS): Janine D'Addario, *Peter Bridge* (E&G, PROC); **Lenore Bell** (Desc Cat, PROC): James MacLeod, *Donald P. Panzera* (PROC); **Michael Buscher** (G&M, RES): David K. Carrington, *E. Christian Filstrup* (Ov Op, PROC); **Megan Caverly** (Desc Cat, PROC): James MacLeod, *Gary D. Columbia* (P&S, MGMT); **Lillie Herbert** (CDS, PROC): Dominick Mormino, *Sylvia Csiffary* (Order, PROC); **Clifton Knight** (Cop Cat, COP): Carol Ann Kilroy, *Susan Finsen* (OPS, CRS); **Hilary Lord** (NLS/BPH, NP): Robert Kost, *Warren Tsuneishi* (Area Studies, RES); **Bernice Matthews** (Preserv, RES): Bohdan Yasinsky, *Susan Vita* (MARC Ed, PROC); **Larisa Pastuchiv** (I&R, COP): Victor Marton, *John Celli* (CIP, PROC); **Karen Pataky** (Health, (MGMT): Valerie Ellis, *Arnold Bellefontaine* (NP); **Julia Pettross** (G&M, RES): John Wolter, *Peter J. Watters* (OCP, HR); **Kenneth Rabbani** (Cop Lic, COP): John E. Martin, Jr., *Michael A. Katz* (ASO, MGMT); and **Irene Steckler** (FRD, RES): Ronald Bachman, *Peter Young* (Cop Cat, COP).

*Library of Congress staff members selected for the Administrative Detail Program include, from left: (front row) Fara Guest, program coordinator, Kenneth Rabbani, Megan Caverly, and Julia Pettross; (second row) Hilary Lord, Bernice Matthews, Leona Barber, and Leonore Bell; (third row) Larisa Pastuchiv and Karen Pataky; and (back row) Michael Buscher and Clifton Knight. Not shown are Joan Alexander, Lillie Herbert, and Irene Steckler.*

# STAFF NEWS

**Lecture** *(Cont. from p. 185)*
Washington, and then simultaneously chief of the Division of Manuscripts and first incumbent of the William Evarts Benjamin chair in American history, who, more than any other individual, brought the National Archives into being and made the Division of Manuscripts a center for historical research.

With Jameson's expert assistance, Dr. Goggin and Dr. Rothberg will escort you to the Library of Congress; the State, War, and Navy Building; the Smithsonian Institution; the National Archives as it was constructed; and to many of the familiar and exotic places visitors might have found: restaurants, hotels, saloons, museums, Center Market, and the C&O canal. Along the way, a better understanding will be gained of the advance for scholarship represented by contemporary research institutions in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Goggin and Dr. Rothberg are editing the papers of J. Franklin Jameson through a project jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress, the American Historical Association, and the National Archives.

**Dr. Sifton** *(Cont. from p. 185)*
index of the Thomas Jefferson papers, and in October 1976 he delivered remarks on that subject to the Society of American Archivists. Those remarks were published in the *American Archivi t* (January 1977). He also wrote an article, "Recent Additions to the James Madison Papers at the Library of Congress," for the spring 1980 issue of the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress.*

Dr. Sifton plans in his retirement to volunteer as a docent at the Smithsonian Institution, where he will give lectures in French and English.

## Ronald Gephart Celebrates 20 Years of Federal Service

Ronald M. Gephart, historical specialist, Historical Publications Office, Manuscript Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on March 15 by David Wigdor, assistant chief of the Manuscript Division. Mr. Gephart, whose previous federal service included 13 months with the U.S. Post Office, joined the staff of the Library in April 1969 as senior bibliographer and librarian in the former General Reference and Bibliography Division (GR&B). In 1975 he was promoted to specialist in American history. In 1980 he was appointed history specialist in the American Revolution Bicentennial Office (now the Historical Publications Office) of the Manuscript Division. While in GR&B (now the General Reading Rooms Division), Mr. Gephart compiled a two-volume work, *Revolutionary America, 1763–1789: A Bibliography.* Upon its publication in 1984, the bibliography received commendations from review media and the library community as an outstanding reference source. Another work, *Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774–1789,* of which he presently is an associate editor, has been described as one of the most efficient, comprehensive, reliable, and useful of the editorial projects in early American history. Mr. Gephart received an outstanding performance rating in 1970. He completed his doctorate in American colonial history at Northwestern University in 1980.

## Delores McKenzie Earns 20-Year Pin

Delores McKenzie was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on January 27 by Susan M. Tarr, chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS). Also in attendance were Mrs. Louise T. Gwynn, assistant supervisor of the Card Control Unit; and Ernest C. Hedges, head, and Leon E. Sims, assistant head of the Distribution Section.

On January 22, 1968, Ms. McKenzie joined the staff of the Cataloging Distribution Service, which then was the Card Division. Her supervisor at that time was Mrs. Thelma Heishman, and the division was located at the Navy Yard. All of Ms. McKenzie's service has been with CDS.

Over the years, she has participated in many special projects of the Card Control Unit, formerly the Reprint Unit. One project, for which she earned a Special Achievement Award, was her work on the prototype Demand System. This was the Library's first venture into scanning and retrieving card images electronically. She also has participated in the weeding of the Official Catalog.

Ms. McKenzie has volunteered to serve as keyworker in several Combined Federal Campaigns.

She resides in Washington, D.C., with her daughter, Marilyn D. McKenzie.

## Birth Announcement

**Ruth Sievers**, senior writer and editor in the Information and Reference Section, Copyright, and her husband, Steve Hanft, are parents of a son, Samuel Edward, born March 31.

## Staff Carpool Locator

Rider/driver seeks carpool from North or West Springfield. Flexible hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call Karol Redfern at ext. 77050.

## Meetings and Events Around the Library

**Thursday, May 12**
☐ International Children's Book Day Celebration. Talk by Leo Lionni, children's book illustrator. Mumford Room, 7:30 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

**Friday, May 13**
☐ The Blair String Quartet and Ian Greitzer, clarinet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

**Saturday, May 14**
☐ Galliard Woodwind Quintet. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

**Wednesday, May 18**
☐ Exhibition opens marking the millennium of the baptism of Vladimir, ruler of Rus'. Exhibition runs through October 9. Great Hall, Jefferson Building.

**Thursday, May 19**
☐Irish music is featured in Outdoor Concert Series of the American Folklife Center. Neptune Plaza, 12 noon.

**Friday, May 20**
☐Concert by Miriam Fried, violin, and James Tocco, piano. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

**Events are open to the public unless otherwise noted.**

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